

- \* To prevent possible fires, avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket. Don't overload your circuits!
- \* Use common sense in the kitchen. Limit distractions when cooking and don't leave a hot oven or stovetop unattended.
- \* Keep anything that can catch fire, such as dish towels or wooden spoons, away from your stovetop.
- \* Have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of emergency, and make sure you know how it works. You might be surprised that most people don't know how to use one. (Fire Extinguishers are sold at all local hardware and home improvement stores.)
- \* Service your HVAC system annually, replace your filters monthly.
- \* Test smoke detectors every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- \* Smoke Detectors need replacement after 10 years.
- \* Change your smoke alarm batteries twice a year, a good rule of thumb is during daylight saving time.
- \* If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

Call the Sunset Beach Fire Department to schedule an appointment to get your smoke detector batteries changed or to have them inspected. If they have reached their 10-year replacement date the Fire Department will advise you on where to purchase new replacements and will install those for you free of charge. Please leave a message if there is no answer, staff will return your call as soon as possible.

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